



Biography

Luella Azure (Yakama/Umatilla) joined the EpiCenter Staff at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) in March 2002. NPAIHB represents the 43 tribes of Idaho, Oregon and Washington and provides technical assistance on health-related matters. Ms. Azure is the Project Coordinator for the Northwest Tribal Health Research Center. The Research Center is planning to study child safety seat usage and injury prevention related to motor vehicle crashes among northwest American Indian and Alaska Native children.

Ms. Azure was recruited in April, 2002 to serve on the TSC. She strongly agrees with the primary objectives of the TSC:

- To raise awareness of, and support for injury prevention activities in Native American communities.
- To enhance the ability of tribes to address injury problems.
- To provide advice and guidance to the IHS Injury Prevention Program.
- To actively engage tribal leaders in the field of injury prevention at the local and national levels.
- Establish a formal group of agencies and organizations to consult about injury issues in Native American communities.

She looks forward to the diversity and challenges of the TSC position and is honored to be associated with the dedicated injury prevention individuals she met since May 2002.

Ms. Azure has over 10 years experience working with Tribal governments/organizations and is aware of the social, economic and political conditions faced by many of the Northwest tribes.

Ms. Azure received a BS degree from Western Oregon University, majoring in Economics with minors in Business Administration and Mathematics. Luella and Dean Azure (Pima) have been married 32 years and have two sons Brian and Steven and one granddaughter, Alyssa Marie Azure.